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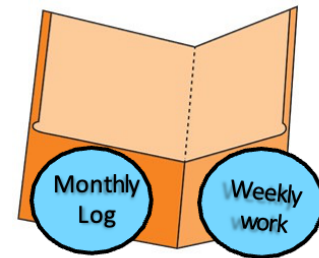
I am excited to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! I look forward to having your child in class! Parents, family members, and guardians are the driving force in their students' lives. Each morning, I will post a Morning Board on our Seesaw page. I will post the daily lunch and breakfast choices, as well as homework and a short video about the upcoming day. I encourage you to ask your 5th grader about the school day and ensure that the assigned homework is completed and returned to school. Students and families need to use our Seesaw page each day so you know what assignments are due and when. We will also have a class Padlet page for class-specific, school, and district information. I will share the Padlet link on Back to School Night. Newsletters will be sent out via email and Seesaw, and will be posted on our Padlet site every two weeks to keep you up to date on the ins and outs of fifth grade. Feel free to email me your address at lroberts@htsd.us.

Our first day of school will be Thursday, September 3rd, with dismissal at 12:30 PM. Full days will begin **on September 4th**. I'm excited to begin my seventh year as Stoy School's Fifth-Grade Teacher! This September starts my 26th year at Stoy and my 27th year of teaching in the district. I genuinely enjoy working with, teaching, and learning alongside our students. I am looking forward to starting a new year with your children.

Fifth grade is a time for students to build on the skills they gained in previous grades and solidify their educational foundation for middle and high school. This year focuses on helping students practice, refine, and grow their skills. I will also support your children as they become increasingly independent and responsible. Students will build stamina and perseverance as we tackle some of the more challenging material in fifth grade. Navigating fifth-grade friendships can be difficult, especially since many students have been in the same class since Pre-K. I expect my students to be patient, kind, and respectful toward one another.

In all aspects of fifth grade, there is a delicate balance between knowing when to step in and when to step away so students can learn to work things out independently. This is where **our** partnership and communication will be necessary. Please contact me directly should you have questions or concerns.

The Monday after the first whole week of school, your child will bring home a two-pocketed, yellow folder called the Learning Loop Folder. We will use this folder to send home classwork and homework in an organized way. The left side of the folder will hold a monthly log detailing the iReady MyPath minutes and Fluency Flights completed during the week, any work that was missed, or personal comments. The right side of the folder will hold all of your child's work from the previous week. Please review the work with your child or ask questions about what they are learning.



I welcome and value parent involvement! I will need a variety of parent volunteers in our classroom throughout the year. This year, we will have four room parents to help plan and organize all fifth-grade events throughout the school year. I will share their names on Back to School Night. If you are not a room parent, you are still welcome to participate and volunteer. The Room Mothers will reach out and coordinate volunteers.

I hope this information will help you and your child get ready for a new and very exciting school year! Please remember that you will receive more information about how our classroom runs at the beginning of the school year!

As a new school year approaches, I would like to share a few helpful tips to help the start of the school year go smoothly.

- **Please make sure your child comes to school prepared to learn.** This means they have gotten a good night's rest, eaten a healthy breakfast (or will eat at school), completed all homework, and brought all supplies for the day. I recommend getting your student into the habit of setting out their belongings the evening before school. By starting the year this way, you can establish a routine at home. Your morning will be calm and organized, and your student will be ready to learn!
- **If your child has a tough or emotional morning, please call me or have your child tell me "I'm having a tough morning" when they arrive.** I don't need specific details. We all have lives outside

of Stoy School, and learning how to identify and regulate our feelings is important. If I am unaware, I am working at a deficit and cannot provide the support your child may need that day.

- Students are welcome and encouraged to bring a water bottle each day.

Fifth Grade is a fantastic year with so many opportunities. Get ready! Before you know it, we will be preparing for Closing Exercises!

Sincerely,

Miss Roberts



